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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed November 22, 2005 in the above matter. A response to the non-final Office Action is due on Wednesday, February 22, 2006; thus this response is being timely filed. Please enter the following amendment and remarks.

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In response, Applicant has overcome the double-patenting rejection by canceling claim 36 and has also added new claims 37-60. Thus, Applicant requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance, early notification of which is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner be of the view that an interview would expedite the application at large, request is made that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney at (908) 518-7700, ext. 7 in order to resolve any outstanding issues.

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Respectfully submitted,


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